

work. It could not be more appropriate to discuss this bill today, because tomorrow is Pay Inequity Day. Pay Inequity Day is April 11—3½ months into 1997—and it is the day on which women's earnings finally equal those of men for the previous calendar year.

Pay inequity is no longer just a women's issue. It is one that intimately affects many American families as more and more American families rely on women's wages. An increasing number of families are headed by single working women. Many more families, those with two parents, find that to make ends meet it is necessary for both parents to work. In two-parent families, 66 percent of women work and the number of female-headed households has more than doubled since 1970.

At a time when families are increasingly dependent on the money earned by their female members, women with similar qualifications still earn less than 72 cents for every dollar earned by men in comparable jobs. Over her lifetime, a woman loses more than \$420,000 to pay inequity. Wage discrimination costs all women together more than \$100 billion a year. This is money that the American family can ill afford to lose.

I ask that my colleagues support this important legislation that will address gender pay inequity and in so doing take a stand to help America's working families.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA GORDON

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 1997

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Patricia Gordon, Secretary of the Year. On April 23, 1997, Ms. Gordon will be honored at the Secretaries Day Banquet during Professional Secretaries Week.

Each year, the Macomb Chapter of Professional Secretaries International chooses the Secretary of the Year based on a list of important qualities. Candidates are chosen based on their education, work experience, and involvement in PSI activities. Ms. Gordon's professional accomplishments and expertise led to the honor of Secretary of the Year.

Ms. Gordon began her career as an office professional 23 years ago as an office co-op at Center Line High School. For the past 10 years she has been employed by East Detroit Public Schools. Ms. Gordon is a group benefit secretary under Assistant Superintendent Raymond Berlin. She has made an important contribution to education and her community by performing many of the fundamental responsibilities that allow the schools to operate everyday.

In 23 years, Ms. Gordon has earned a CPS designation, been an active member of Professional Secretaries International and has obtained her real estate license. Ms. Gordon and her husband have also raised four children, Mellanie, Erica, Lauren, and Alexander. Her future goal is to continue her education and earn a degree in business.

I ask my colleagues to join me as I commend Ms. Gordon on her hard work and accomplishments as she accepts the award of 1997 Secretary of the Year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GARY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 1997

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is truly my pleasure to congratulate the Gary Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as it hosts a statewide Founders Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 1997, at Marquette Park in Gary, IN.

The Gary Alumnae Chapter will host the Founders Day Celebration with the help of 14 Delta Sigma Theta Chapters throughout the State of Indiana. The statewide celebration will feature Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's National President, Marcia L. Fudge, Esq., as the keynote speaker at a private banquet. After the celebration, Ms. Fudge will be introduced to community leaders at a reception held at Marquette Park from 5 to 7 p.m. During the reception, Mayor Scott King of Gary, IN, will present her with a proclamation from the city of Gary. In addition, Ms. Fudge will receive a proclamation from Indiana Governor, Frank O'Bannon. The festivities will conclude with area Deltas worshipping with Ms. Fudge at St. Timothy Community Church in Gary, IN.

Founded in 1913 at Howard University, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a public service sorority comprised of over 200,000 members, both nationally and internationally. The founders of Delta Sigma Theta defined the organization's purpose as "establishing and maintaining a high standard of morality and scholarship among women."

Since its inception in 1938, the Gary Alumnae Chapter has worked diligently to fulfill the Delta Sigma Theta mission in northwest Indiana through members' participation in a variety of public service initiatives. Some of the local activities include: sponsorship of food banks and clothing drives; aid to Marion Home; a local shelter for pregnant teens; sponsorship of Delteens, an organization which organizes activities for high school junior and senior girls; and the awarding of \$4,000 in college scholarships annually. The chapter also participates in Project Read, Stop the Violence Campaign, Kids Vote USA, and voter registration efforts. In addition, the Gary Alumnae Chapter has devoted much of its energy and resources to national public service efforts. Members of the chapter aid the NAACP, NAACP Defense Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund, and Habitat for Humanity, through financial contributions, and participation in local events.

It is my distinct privilege to congratulate the members of the Gary Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta as it hosts the statewide Founders Day Celebration. The members of this organization are most deserving of the pride and honor exhibited on this very special occasion, as they have provided invaluable services to the citizens of northwest Indiana through their hard work and dedication. May this event prove to be most successful and rewarding.

TRIBUTE TO PETER BEHR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 1997

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Senator Peter Behr, a dedicated and inspiring public servant of California. Senator Peter Behr was an instrumental force in the California legislature who was driven by principles and a commitment to preserving our precious environment. In his nearly 30 years of service, Senator Behr served as an inspiration to both his colleagues and constituents, including me. He will be remembered for his unparalleled environmental activism and for epitomizing the characteristics of an inspiring leader.

Senator Behr's admirable career in politics began as city councilman of Mill Valley in 1956. While serving in Marin County, he was recognized for leading a grassroots campaign to preserve and protect California's Pacific coastline. Through hard work and dedication, he moved up to county supervisor, and shortly thereafter he was elected to represent Marin in the California Senate.

One of Senator Behr's most notable accomplishments was the save-our-shores petition drive, which was instrumental in the formation of Point Reyes National Seashore, a beautiful expanse of the northern California coast. Additionally, Senator Behr established The 1972 Wild Scenic Rivers Act, which provided protection for priceless rivers.

After retiring from the senate, Senator Behr remained dedicated to preserving California's natural resources by involving himself with various organizations which strive to preserve our precious environment. He demonstrated his leadership among such groups as the Sierra Club Foundation, Friends of the River, and the San Francisco Foundation.

Today, Senator Behr is recognized as an exceptional politician who earned the utmost respect from both his colleagues and constituents. He will be remembered as an avid protector of the environment whose visionary ideology will remain a model forever. I ask my colleagues today, to join me in recognizing Senator Behr's accomplishments and the legacy he will surely leave behind.

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU'S ADDRESS TO AIPAC

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 1997

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, last week Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a major speech at the annual AIPAC policy conference dinner. This event is the pre-eminent pro-Israel activity in our Nation's capital, and was attended by over 150 Members of Congress. Because the Prime Minister's remarks are very timely and deserving of special attention, I would like to share them with my colleagues, and therefore request that they be reprinted at this point in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.